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**Subject:** RE: Holy Trinity Cemetery-Property Owners

Good Morning:

The Senator is referring to other properties that were identified years ago by the Department of Energy during a flyover. NYS Health Department and DOE are involved in most of the historical reporting for Niagara County properties of interest. Holy Trinity Cemetery and the other site I am working on, Niagara Falls Boulevard were identified as hot spots years ago. However, since we are addressing the cemetery, it is really off the “list” he is referring to. This is a reaction to the recent media reports. The fact that EPA has addressed the two radiological sites translates to “what about assessing these other sites that were identified years ago”. So there are folks in our agency looking into those other locations. They may have been addressed by the state, they may have been determined along the line that they were not removal eligible and/or they may have to be reassessed by current protocols and standards. We shall see.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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Thanks Eric.

I spoke with Pete and passed along the concern of one of the neighbors regarding the deer possibly being trapped inside the fenced area.

Just out of curiosity, is the radioactive material we are dealing with at Holy Trinity related to these so called "hot spots" that Sen. Schumer is referring to

throughout Niagara County and Grand Island?

Carmen

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Thanks very much for the update, Eric.

George

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Good Evening:

Attached is the most recent Pollution Report for Holy Trinity Cemetery Site ending on our last tour day, 07/13/2016. We just mobilized back to Niagara Falls Boulevard Site today to continue our removal action. However, we did stop by HTC Area 5 residence to drop off radon canisters this afternoon. I also went to the other residences across the street from the Holy Trinity Cemetery and dropped off a package with a letter (HTC Robert Street Resident Letter Attached), the last site fact sheet and a blank access agreement. This is in response to the Town of Lewiston Environmental Board's request for USEPA to perform some survey work at these properties. It is up to the residence to acknowledge they want these surveys performed since there is no historical or data that identifies these properties as containing the radioactive material.

On a separate note, one of the neighbors mentioned seeing deer within the Area 1 fence. I suggested he let Pete know if he sees this again and perhaps Pete can open the gate for a short period of time. However, there were no large animals (coyotes, deer) within the fenced area when we enclosed and locked it. I am not sure how the deer would be getting into the area.

Thanks

**Reporting Period: 04/14/2016 through 07/13/2016**

- On April 18, 2016, OSC Daly, Health Physicist Nguyen, Weston (3) and Guardian (3) mobilized to Site. Data rams air monitoring and Radeco air sampling were utilized during operations. Skid steers with brush hog and forestry attachments cleared fence perimeter in Area 1 in order to conduct additional gamma survey with Ludlum 2241-2 with 44-20 NaI probe utilizing the Viper system.
- April 19-26, 2016, crew continued to clear brush from Areas 2, 3, 4 and 6. Gamma survey of Area 6 completed. The majority of Area 3 has been gamma surveyed.
- April 21, 2016, the fence post were set into place in Area 1. Ariel Iglesias, Paul Giardina and Oleg Povetko visited HTC. OSC Daly also did site walk with the group at Niagara Falls Boulevard Site. Town of Lewiston representatives visited the Site and provided additional contact information to OSC.
- On April 29, 2016, the radon sampling results were received for the residence in Area 5. The basement exhibited readings above 4 pCi/L.
- On May 24, 2016, OSC and GES conducted walkthrough at Area 5 residence with radon mitigation system subcontractor.
- On June 5, 2016, the radon mitigation system was installed at Area 5 residence.
- By request, on June 20, 2016, Mike Basile (USEPA Public Affairs) attended the Town of Lewiston Environmental Board Meeting. There were six members of the commission present as well as two guests and the town clerk. Mike provided the board with a copy of the Holy Trinity fact sheet and also provided some maps to illustrate the areas that have been fenced off. The chairperson Gerry Wolfgang asked that USEPA consider conducting residential surveying to the west of the fenced off area.

- Due to historical information provided and current USEPA data at Area 5, it was determined to perform soil sampling along the path of the roadway that extended from the cemetery through the Area 5 property.
- On July 5, 2016, the Dan Telvock news report was released via newspaper, internet and Channel 2 news broadcast. This report covered potential/existing radiological sites within the Niagara County area. Some information was based on in-person interview with OSC Daly on June 10, 2016. Both Niagara Falls Boulevard and Holy Trinity Sites were mentioned in the news piece.
- On July 7, 2016, the Town of Lewiston approved soil boring sampling on Roberts Avenue along the pathway of the cemetery road.
- On July 8, 2016, OSC and Weston visit Area 5 and marked out soil sampling locations.
- Late afternoon July 13, 2016, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer put out a press request to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct an updated and comprehensive assessment of the numerous radioactive hotspots in Niagara County and the Grand Island area. This request appears directly related to recent news reports covering the Niagara Falls Boulevard Site, the Holy Trinity Site and other areas of interest in Niagara County.

#### Anticipated Activities:

- Mobilize back on Site August 1, 2016.
- Post installation radon canister sampling.
- Soil Sampling in Area 5.
- Potential gamma survey assessment in residences along Roberts Avenue.

EPA has been coordinating with NYS, Niagara County and local representatives throughout the assessment process.

Regards,

Eric

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately",  
Benjamin Franklin  
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Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region II  
Holy Trinity Cemetery  
5401 Roberts Avenue, Lewiston, NY

To view this POLREP, please open the attachment.

For additional information regarding this site,  
please visit the website by clicking on this link:  
<http://www.epaossc.org/holytrinitycemetery>